

Council Meeting
May 3, 2021

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council meeting held on May 3, 2021 was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

President Bianchi – present	Mr. Osman -- present
Mr. Estocin – present	Mr. Spencer – present
Ms. Henkel – via phone	Mrs. Tinsley -- present
Mr. Nolan – present	Mayor Kelley – present
Solicitor – present	

Approval of the April minutes:

Motion

Mr. Osman, Ms. Henkel approving the April 2021 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The Borough of Turtle Creek will sponsor the Summer Lunch Program through the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. This is open to all Turtle Creek residents up to the age of 18 at Hamilton Playground. The dates have not been confirmed yet. This will be a grab and go lunch and breakfast from noon – 1pm.

Pauline Schoffstall will be the site supervisor, has all her clearances, and will be paid \$12/hr. Turtle Creek Rotary has offered to pay half of her pay.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the motion to pay Pauline Schaufstall \$12/hr., with half being paid by the Turtle Creek Rotary. Motion carried.

The Allegheny League of Municipalities will hold their annual educational conference at Seven Springs, June 17 – 20. Multiple packages are available. Please talk to Julie if you are interested.

There have been many complaints about 242 Seneca Street. We have looked at the property, along with the Borough Engineer, and have decided that it would be a good candidate for the Land Bank.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mrs. Tinsley approving the motion authorizing the Borough Administrator to submit 242 Seneca Street to the Land Bank for consideration. Motion carried.

The CD 46 Demolition, which includes:

- 411 Clugston Avenue
- 415 Clugston Avenue
- 1422 Lynn Avenue
- 322 Mortimer Avenue
- 908 Maple Avenue
- 335 George Street

were bid out through the Council of Governments.

The successful bidder was Buzz Masonry in the amount of \$52,596.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel authorizing COG to award, to the lowest responsible bidder, Buzz Masonry, the CD 46 Demolition. Motion carried.

Citizens Reports: none

Committee Reports:

President Bianchi – stated that COG will be opening bids for our paving project on Monday May 10. This year we will identify Mercer Street, Sycamore Street, and Lower Boone. In addition to these 3, James Street will also begin.

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Nolan recognizing the Turtle Creek Valley COG in awarding the paving program to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel –none

Mr. Estocin – stated that he had a request from the Fire Department to use the parking lot for wine tasting and food truck fundraisers from noon – 6pm on the following dates:

- July 25
- August 29
- September 26

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Nolan approving the use of the parking lot by the TCFD for fundraisers on the dates and times listed above. Motion carried.

Mr. Nolan – none

Mr. Osman – stated that Pat Grubbs was hired for the summer for the Street Department for 32 hours a week, at the hourly rate of \$15.32.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mrs. Tinsley approved the hiring of Pat Grubbs for the summer at \$15.32/hr, 32/hrs per week. Motion carried.

Mr. Osman stated that the Street Departments backhoe is getting old and it is time to purchase a new one. We had one bid through COSTAR agreement, which was Stephenson Equipment for \$134,000. With discounts and trade-in, it is \$81,000. We are also waiting for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 through the Commonwealth, and the rest will be made up through the General Fund.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Estocin approving the motion to purchase a Backhoe from Stephenson Equipment, through COSTAR advertisement, in the amount of \$80,949, with 50,000 of those purchasing dollars coming from the Commonwealth. Motion carried.

Mrs. Tinsley – stated that they were awarded a grant for the Garden, and thanked Beth Hamil for applying for it. It will be used for more raised beds. The new work times at the Garden are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am – Noon.

Mrs. Tinsley stated that she is still attending Zoom meetings for CONNECT, and is looking forward to learning more about this program.

Mr. Spencer – request for a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 14 Oxford St. They have met the requirements and filed the necessary paperwork.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the request for a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 14 Oxford Street. Motion carried.

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Kelley:

Mayor Kelley read the Chiefs reports for April 2021

Chiefs Report for April 2021:

- Total Incidents 441
- Total Lock-Ups 10

- Traffic 67
- Suspicious Persons 15
- Theft 4
- Stolen Vehicles & Gun 3
- Wanted persons 7
- Domestic 36
- Overdose 2
- Properties cited 44

Mayor Kelley thanked all those who came out for Clean Up Day and donated their time or coffee & donuts. Everything helps and is appreciated.

Solicitor – none

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the April 2021 bills.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Osman ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the April 2021 bills in the amount of \$189,738.06. Motion carried.

New Business: none

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Nolan adjourning until the next meeting on Monday June 7, 2021. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Kera Rocco